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Sub Base Hit?

MEXICO CITY, May 22 (P)—Modesto Vasquez, Mexican delegate of the National Syndicate of Cuban Journalists in Exile, said today that anti-Castro guerrillas attacked a soviet nuclear submarine base in Cuba Wednesday.

There was no confirmation of his claim from any available source and he refused to say where his information came from. Valquez said the raiders killed an estimated five Russians before retreating.

Valquez did not say whether any guerrillas had been killed or captured in the raid which he said took place near Bahia Honda, 70 miles west of Havana. He said superior soviet force and firepower forced the guerrillas to retreat into the Sierra de Los Organos after an hour-long skirmish.

In Washington, there was no official comment on the Mexico City report. But United States sources said they have nothing to confirm the reported attack and they added that they have no evidence of a soviet submarine base of any type at Bahia Honda altho there is a Cuban naval base there.